

LITERARY ITEMS.

Mowers, Lippoldt & Holt have just ready the second and instalment of their edition of Thackeray's works, consisting of Philip, two volumes; Harry Lyndon, one volume; and Major General, Fatal Boots and Ballads, together in one volume. Fourteen volumes are now issued. The series will be completed in thirty.

Stratton & Co. announce the following works by Dan of Canterbury: "How to Study the New Testament," vol. I, "The Gospels and Acts of the Apostles"; "Easterly Sermons"; "The Year of Prayer, being Family Prayers for the Christian Year," and "The Year of Praise, being Hymns with the Tunes, for the Sundays and Holy Days of the Year."

Gen. C. C. Baker, Chief of the National Detective Police during the Rebellion, is preparing, with the editorial assistance of F. C. Henley, author of "Josephine," "La Fayette," "Women of the Bible," &c., a history of the services of his bureau. It will be published in the Autumn, in our octavo volume, illustrated.

W. D. Doolittle is preparing a new book by the author of "Mary Powell," "The Faerie Goddess: Passages in the Life of Mistress Anne Askew."

Doolittle announces "Ten Years of a Life Time," by Mrs. Margaret Beeson.

William McSorley & Co., New-York, will soon publish "The Irish Brigade and its Campaigns, with some Accounts of the Corcoran Legion and Sketches of Principal Authors," by Capt. D. P. Conyngham.

Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia, have in press "Aitken's Science and Practice of Medicine," from the fourth London edition; "Warren's Practical Therapeutics"; "Dixon's Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Eye"; a new and thoroughly revised edition; "The Physician's Visiting List," of various sizes and styles; for 1867; "Prince's Orthopedic Surgery," with numerous illustrations; "Zimmer's on the Ophthalmoscope," translated by Carter, with illustrations; "Beale on the Microscope in Practical Medicine," third edition; "Trusson's Clinical Medicine, Vol. I, Part I.;" "Cody on the Toilet and Cosmetic Arts in Ancient and Modern Times," "Duchenne's Localized Electrization," with numerous illustrations, and "Basham on Drapery."

Mr. James Hutchinson of the Cape of Good Hope has published a book in which he contends that Homer and the great poet of Valmiki, the Ramayana, in his eye when he composed his own immortal work, and that "Homer was blind." Is that he worshipped the same deities as the Hindus and professed the same religion, there being at that time but one common idolatry prevalent in that portion of the world?" He points out resemblances between the Hindus and the Kandyan, and to show that the rays of Helen and the siege of Troy are merely the Greek copies of the carrying off of Sita and the capture of Lankha as described in the Ramayana.

Mrs. Martha Haines Butt Bennett, a young lady of Norfolk, Va., favorably known in the literary world as the author of a successful volume entitled "Leisure Moments," and a contributor to various periodicals, has a book for children in the press of Mr. Carlton. It is called "Pastimes with my Little Friends," and will be ready in about a fortnight. We are informed that an unusually large edition of the book has been ordered in advance of publication.

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